

PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
Water Management Division
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLs) FOR WATERS IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Section 303(d)(1)(C) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. § 1313(d)(1)(C), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) implementing regulation, 40 C.F.R. § 130.7(c)(1), require the establishment of TMDLs for waters identified in § 303(d)(1)(A) of the CWA. This TMDL is to be established at a level necessary to implement applicable water quality standards with seasonal variations and a margin of safety which takes into account any lack of knowledge concerning the relationship between effluent limitations and water quality. Additionally, a November 5, 1998, Consent Decree in the matter of Edward W. Mudd, II et al. v. John Hankinson et al., Civil Action Number CV-97-S-0714-M, and Alabama Rivers Alliance, Inc. v. John Hankinson et al., Civil Action Number CV-97-S-2518-M, requires EPA to propose TMDLs for public comment in accordance with a specified schedule.

At this time, EPA has developed a proposed TMDL for the following water quality limited segment and pollutants of concern located in the State of Alabama: Flint Creek Watershed, Tennessee River Basin, organic enrichment, dissolved oxygen, nutrients, and pathogens. A copy of the proposed TMDL can be obtained by contacting Ms. Sibyl Cole at the address below or it can be obtained through the internet at the address below.

The proposed TMDL and the supporting documents, including technical information, data, and analyses may be reviewed at 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Persons wishing to review this information should contact Ms. Cole at (404) 562-9437, to schedule a time for that review. Ms. Cole may also be contacted via electronic mail at cole.sibyl@epa.gov. This notice and the proposed TMDL can also be obtained through the Internet. The URL address for the proposed TMDL is <http://www.epa.gov/region4/water/tmdl/index.htm>.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed TMDL or to offer new data or information regarding it are invited to submit the same in writing, no later than September 17, 2003, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Water Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, ATTENTION: Ms. Sibyl Cole, Standards, Monitoring, and TMDL Branch. Ms. Cole's telephone number is (404) 562-9437. Ms. Cole may also be contacted via electronic mail. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you believe will be interested in this matter. A final decision on the proposed TMDL will be made as soon as possible after September 17, 2003.

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Date